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**The Truth About Bosch**  
Editor, The Record:

Just as American opinion is divided on Vietnam, so it is on the Dominican Republic. The public and the Government have been more vociferous, however, on Vietnam than on the Dominican Republic. Yet both countries are faced with danger from Communism, and the forthcoming election in the Dominican Republic can determine which way the pendulum will swing. Should the American public, therefore, not be better informed about the Dominican Republic?

Groups favoring Theodore Draper ("The New Republic", February 19 and 26) and Dr. Andrew P. Morrison (The New York Times, March 26) maintain that Juan Bosch, currently a Presidential candidate, has not been influenced at any time by the Communists and has no affiliations with them.

This view does not coincide with that of our State Department, the C. I. A., "U. S. News and World Report", the Inter-American Labor Bulletin, the opinion of 44 prominent United States liberals, and other reliable sources. The latter maintain that, while Juan Bosch may not himself be a Communist, he used the Communists to try to stay in power when he was President and to try to get back into power when he was in self-imposed exile in Puerto Rico.

Being blind to such incidents is dangerous. It was so proved in several countries. A case in point is Premier Mossadegh of Iran, 1951-1953. He used the

Communists, although a small group in Iran, to help him stay in power. But there came a time when they got out of hand. Then he preferred to quit by arranging a mock battle between the Shah's men and his own so that the Shah could win. But Draper, Morrison, and their followers prefer to blink at

Bosch's past associations, and instead accuse the United States Government of supporting the Union Civica Nacional, which they claim at first openly utilized Communists and even permitted the majority of its Santo Domingo district committee to be made up of Communists and fellow travelers. And Dr. Morrison accuses us of having created the havoc in the Dominican Republic.

They do not say anything about the rebels' permitting courses in Communism since 1965 and the Bishop of Santiago, Monsignor Polanco, also Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Santo Domingo, pointing out March 30 that there are in the town of Santiago more than 20 centers of training for Communists. A textbook was printed therefor. They harp on the small number of card-carrying Communists in the Dominican Republic, but do not indicate that it is not the number of Communists which counts but that their success in turning the mind of the people which is dangerous. It was not Communists but teenagers they employed who staged the demonstrations for taking over the university.

Why isn't the State Department more concerned in pointing out to Americans and to the Dominicans the above facts and the danger of re-electing Juan Bosch? Haven't we poured enough money into the Dominican Republic to be concerned? Are we seeking another Communist take-over close to our shores?

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